

The actions delineated below were taken in open session of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board at the November 15, 2024, business meeting. This is provided in summary form; an official record of the meeting is available in the permanent records of the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, 107 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



**Kentucky Agricultural Development Board
Summary Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting
November 15, 2024
Franklin County Extension Office
101 Lakeview Court, Frankfort, KY**

Call to Order

Chief of Staff Mark Bowling presiding, called the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board (KADB) regular business meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. (EST).

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mark Bowling (designee for Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell), Travis Mayo (designee for Governor Andy Beshear), Dr. Jamie Matthews (designee for Dean Nancy Cox), Dr. Marcus Bernard (designee for KSU President Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo), Wayne Hunt, Neil Denton, Dr. Gordon Jones, Laura Sanderfur, Kevin Fields, Matt Hinton, Bobby Foree, Heather Graham, Fritz Giesecke, and Al Pedigo.

Absent Members: Mark Barker & Ashlee Chilton (designee for Secretary Jeff Noel).

Notification of Media

Mr. Bowling received verification from Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Boards & Special Events Manager, that the media had been notified of the KADB monthly meeting.

Welcome

Mr. Bowling welcomed everyone to the KADB meeting. Board members and guests participated in person.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bowling entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2024, board meeting.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the minutes, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Kentucky Department of Agriculture Report

Mr. Bowling updated the board on activities of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bowling called on Brandon Reed to give the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Reed gave an overview of his activities since the October board meeting. Mr. Reed referenced the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program total projects to date and dollar amount. Lastly, Mr. Reed referenced the 2024-2026 County Agricultural Development Council membership submissions.

Deputy Executive Director's Report

Mr. Bowling called on Bill McCloskey, KOAP Deputy Executive Director, to present the compliance and financial report to the board.

Mr. McCloskey referenced the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund State Pool Tobacco Funds (*on file*) as of October 24, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund County Balances (*on file*) as of October 23, 2024.

Mr. McCloskey reviewed the KAFC Statement of Financial Position (*on file*) as of October 31, 2024.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the Financial Report, as presented; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB/KAFC Joint Committee on Industrial Hemp

Mr. Bowling called on Chelsea Smither to give the KADB/KAFC Joint Committee on Industrial Hemp report.

Mr. Hunt moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Bowling called on Chelsea Smither to give the KADB KY Proud Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Pedigo moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Bowling called on Dr. Jones to give the KADB KY Dairy Development Council Recipient Review Committee report.

Dr. Bernard moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Beef Network Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Bowling called on Mr. Pedigo to give the KADB KY Beef Network Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Hunt moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee

Mr. Bowling called on Mr. Foree to give the KADB KY Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee report.

Mr. Foree moved to accept the committee report, as presented; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Memo Action Items

Project Time Extensions

Mr. McCloskey referenced (1) project requesting time extension (on file).

Staff recommended approval of one time extension request.

Mr. Fields moved to approve the staff recommendation, as presented; Dr. Jones seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0222 KY Department of Agriculture – KY Proud Program

Mr. Bowling called on Ms. Smither to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding the Kentucky Department of Agriculture requesting \$3,188,207 in state funds for calendar years 2025 and 2026 to fund the Kentucky Proud program. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture Recipient Review Committee reviewed and discussed the application and recommended to refer the application to the full board for review. Ms. Smither called on the Kentucky Proud staff to give an overview and presentation of their 2025 and 2026 application.

Mr. Hunt moved to refer to the KADB Application Review Committee; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

KADB/KAFC Joint Committee on Industrial Hemp

Mr. Bowling called on Ms. Smither to present a memorandum (*on file*) regarding a Joint KADB/KAFC Committee on Hemp recommendation.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

New Business

New Applications for Referral

Mr. Bowling called on Mr. McCloskey to present the new applications for referral.

Mr. McCloskey referenced nine (9) new applications for referral.

Ms. Sanderfur moved to refer the submitted applications to the appropriate committees; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Programs Recommended for Approval

Mr. Bowling called on Sarah Bryant to present the programs recommended for approval.

Ms. Bryant referenced eight (8) CAIP totaling \$1,368,966; (2) Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR) totaling \$16,660; (1) Next Generation Farmer (NextGen) totaling \$40,000; (2) Shared-Use Equipment Program totaling \$8,100; (3) Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth) totaling \$60,000 total funding: \$1,493,726.00

Staff recommended approval of these applications.

Dr. Jones moved to approve all programs meeting state guidelines, as presented; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Projects

Mr. Bowling called on Savanna Hill, Becca Besok, Ms. Smither, and Landon Peach to present the following projects.

A2024-0219 Dr. Prather's Farm Animal Veterinary Services LLC

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$375 in county funds and \$1,875 in state funds to purchase equine dental equipment as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant's request of \$1,875 in state funds and \$375 in county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Fields moved to approve the committee recommendation; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0220 Kentucky Horticulture Council

Ms. Besok referenced the above application requesting \$2,061,362 in state funds across two years to expand technical assistance, education, research, market analysis, and market access for Kentucky's growing horticulture industry.

The Kentucky Horticulture Council Recipient Review Committee recommends funding of \$1,020,459 in state funds for calendar year 2025 and \$1,040,903 in state funds for calendar year 2026 for the total allocation of \$2,061,362 in state funds over a two-year period, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Foree moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Ms. Graham Abstained.

A2024-0226 Keeneland Sustainability, LLC

Ms. Smither referenced the above application requesting \$2,300,000 in state funds to build a gasification system to process much into biochar.

The Blue Application Review Committee recommends funding the applicant \$1,000,000 in state funds in the form of a participation loan, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0230 Benjamin B. Stivers

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$66,310 in state funds and \$13,262 in multi-county funds as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck, vet box, and ultrasound machine.

The Blue Application Committee recommends funding up to \$66,310 in state funds and \$13,262 in multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Hunt moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur

seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0232 Animal House Veterinary Clinic

Ms. Hill referenced the above application requesting \$50,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Laurel County funds as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program to purchase a truck.

The Blue Application Committee recommends funding up to \$50,000 in state funds and \$10,000 in Laurel County funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Pedigo moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Mr. Fields seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

A2024-0239 Jingleheim Ranch & Gardens, LLC

Mr. Peach referenced the above application requesting \$89,500 in state and Letcher County funds to purchase of a facility and updates for a commercial/certified kitchen.

The Blue Application Committee recommends funding the applicant multi-county funds matched by state funds with an option of a KADF participation loan, not to exceed a total amount of \$89,500, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Fields moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Ms. Graham Abstained.

A2024-0240 Mountain Animal Clinic, LLC

Mr. Peach referenced the above application requesting \$17,664 in state and multi-county funds to purchase an ultrasound machine, squeeze chute, and dart gun as part of the Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program.

The Blue Application Committee recommends funding up to \$14,730 in state funds and \$2,934 in multi-county funds, subject to the terms and conditions.

Mr. Giesecke moved to approve the committee recommendation, as presented; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

Pending Applications

Mr. McCloskey stated four (4) applications are pending.

A2024-0222 Kentucky Department of Agriculture

A2024-0227 Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.

A2024-0228 Kentucky Beef Network, LLC

A2024-0238 Grow Farms, LLC

No action necessary on pending projects or programs.

Presentation

2025 KADB Policy & Guideline Revisions Final Authorizations

Mr. Bowling called on Ms. Bryant, Ms. Hill, and Bailey Siry-Crowder to present the 2025 KADB Policy & Guidelines Revisions for approval.

KADB Funding Policies and Procedures

Mr. Hinton moved to revise the KADB Funding Policies and Procedures , as presented; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Giesecke moved to reauthorize the State Support to Limited Allocation Counties Initiative for 2025-2028, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Food Safety and Efficiency Incentives Program

Dr. Bernard moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program

Mr. Hinton moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Program

Mr. Fields moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Project Guidelines: Farmers Markets

Mr. Foree moved to reauthorize the project guidelines for 2025 with one revision; Mr. Pedigo seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Project Guidelines: Meat Processors

Mr. Fields moved to authorize the project guidelines for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Deceased Farm Animal Removal Program (DAR)

Mr. Hinton moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Shared-Use Equipment Program

Mr. Fields moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with no revisions, as presented; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

APPROVED DATE: December 20, 2024

PRESIDING OFFICER: *Jonathan Shell*
Commissioner Jonathan Shell — *Report on Homeless*

BOARD SECRETARY: *Hannah Sharp-Johnson*
Hannah Sharp-Johnson, Board Secretary

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1. A detailed list of the New Applications for Referral is attached as Appendix A.
 2. A detailed list of the applications funded under the listed programs is attached as Appendix B.
 3. A copy of the KADB Application Review Committee meeting minutes attached as Appendix C.

Next Generation Farmer Program (NextGen)

Mr. Denton moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with two revisions, as presented; Ms. Sanderfur seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Youth Agricultural Incentives Program (YAIP)

Ms. Sanderfur moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with two revisions, as presented; Dr. Bernard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Standard Guidelines & Producer Application

Mr. Foree moved to reauthorize the program for 2025 with three revisions, with revised verbiage; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Pedigo moved to reconsider the vote on the motion to reauthorize the Next Generation Farmer Program for 2025; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Mr. Pedigo moved to reauthorize the Next Generation Farmer Program for 2025 with revised verbiage; Mr. Foree seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) Investment Areas

Mr. Hinton moved to reauthorize the investment areas for 2025 with forty revisions, as presented; Mr. Hunt seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Discussion Items

Mr. Pedigo moved to add metatarsal guards as an eligible item in the Farm Safety Category of the CAIP AgTech and Leadership Development Investment Area Guidelines for 2025; Mr. Giesecke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed; Unanimous.

Closing Remarks

Mr. Bowling stated the KADB Application Review Committee will meet thirty minutes following adjournment of the KADB meeting.

The next KADB meeting will be on Friday, December 20, 2024, at the Franklin County Extension Office at 9:00 a.m. (EST).

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Bowling entertained a motion to adjourn the November meeting at 11:26 a.m. (EST).

Mr. Hinton moved to adjourn the November KADB meeting; Mr. Denton seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion Passed; Unanimous.

New Applications for Referral

APP #	APPLICANT	COUNTY	Cmte.
A2024-0247	Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC <i>Large and Food Animal Veterinary Incentives Program</i>	Lee	Blue
A2024-0248	Hopkins County Farm Bureau of Hopkins County, Kentucky <i>Grain Rescue Equipment</i>	Hopkins	Blue
A2024-0254	Woodford County Board of Education <i>Livestock Education Barn</i>	Woodford	Blue
A2024-0258	Spencer County Fiscal Court <i>Farmers Market</i>	Spencer	Blue
A2024-0261	Cowan Community Action Group, Inc <i>Farmers Market Pavilion</i>	Letcher	Blue
A2024-0262	Kentucky Young Farmers Association <i>Kentucky Young Farmer Association</i>	Woodford	Blue
A2024-0263	University of Kentucky Research Foundation <i>Beef Systems Analyzer Software Update</i>	Fayette	Blue
A2024-0264	Community Farm Alliance, Inc. <i>Farmers Market Support Programs</i>	Madison	Blue
A2024-0265	Kentucky Halal Meats LLC <i>Halal Meat Processing Facility</i>	Laurel	Blue

Programs Recommended for Approval

CAIP			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0244	Pendleton County Agricultural Diversification Association, Inc.	Pendleton	\$190,440.00
A2024-0245	Mason County Conservation District	Mason	\$230,000.00
A2024-0250	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$230,275.00
A2024-0253	Woodford County Agriculture Advancement Council, Inc.	Woodford	\$194,000.00
A2024-0255	Northern Kentucky Cattle Association, Inc.	Boone	\$99,164.00
A2024-0257	LaRue County Beef Cattle Association, Inc.	LaRue	\$125,000.00
A2024-0259	Menifee County Beef Producers, Inc.	Menifee	\$90,215.00
A2024-0260	Todd County Conservation District	Todd	\$209,872.00
			\$1,368,966.00

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0241	Lincoln County Fiscal Court	Lincoln	\$15,000.00
A2024-0256	LaRue County Conservation District	LaRue	\$1,660.00
			\$16,660.00

Next Generation Farmer (NextGen)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0251	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$40,000.00
			\$40,000.00

Shared-Use Equipment Program			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0243	Lee County Conservation District	Lee	\$7,200.00
A2024-0249	Lee County Conservation District	Lee	\$900.00
			\$8,100.00

Programs Recommended for Approval

Youth Ag Incentives Program (Youth)			
<u>Application</u>	<u>Program Administrator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
A2024-0242	Barren County Conservation District	Barren	\$10,000.00
A2024-0246	Mason County Conservation District	Mason	\$25,000.00
A2024-0252	Fleming County Conservation District	Fleming	\$25,000.00
			\$60,000.00

Total County Funds Recommended for Approval in Programs: **\$1,493,726.00**

APPENDIX C: Application Review Committee Minutes

Meeting Date:	November 15, 2024
Meeting Location:	Franklin County Extension Office
Meeting Chair:	Brandon Reed
Attendees:	<p>Committee Members: Bobby Foree, Heather Graham, Kevin Fields, Dr. Gordon Jones, Laura Sanderfur, Dr. Jamie Matthews (UK), Mark Bowling (KDA), Wayne Hunt, Dr. Marcus Bernard, Al Pedigo, Fritz Giesecke, Neil Denton, and Matt Hinton.</p> <p>KOAP Staff: Brandon Reed, Bill McCloskey, Brian Murphy, Savanna Hill, Alexis Scheidt, Becca Besok, Chelsea Smither, Bailey Siry-Crowder, Hannah Johnson, Sarah Bryant, and Landon Peach</p>
Minutes Issued By:	Chelsea Smither
Meeting Call to Order:	12:14 p.m. EDT
Meeting Adjourned:	4:25 p.m. EDT

Agenda Items:
<p>The Application Review Committee reviewed applications A2024-0254, A2024-0248, A2024-0222, A2024-0228, A2024-0227, A2024-0247, A2024-0265, A2024-0261, A2024-0258, A2024-0238 (pending), A2024-0262, A2024-0264, and A2024-0263.</p> <p>Dr. Bernard moved to adjourn into executive session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to discuss applications A2024-0254, A2024-0248, A2024-0222, A2024-0228, A2024-0227, A2024-0247, A2024-0265, A2024-0261, A2024-0258, A2024-0238 (pending), A2024-0262, A2024-0264, and A2024-0263; Mr. Hinton seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The committee entered executive session at 2:34 p.m.</i></p> <p>Mr. Fields moved to adjourn into open session, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (g), to vote on applications A2024-0254, A2024-0248, A2024-0222, A2024-0228, A2024-0227, A2024-0247, A2024-0265, A2024-0261, A2024-0258, A2024-0238 (pending), A2024-0262, A2024-0264, and A2024-0263; Mrs. Graham seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The committee reconvened in open session at 4:09 p.m.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A2024-0254 Woodford County Board of Education <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$40,000 in Woodford County Funds to construct a new livestock education barn.

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2. A2024-0248 Hopkins County Farm Bureau
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$2,200 in Hopkins County funds to purchase grain rescue equipment.
3. A2024-0222 Kentucky Department of Agriculture
 - a) The committee recommended funding the applicant up to \$1,684,000 in state funds for 2025 to fund the Kentucky Proud program. Mr. Bowling abstained. The committee also recommends that the applicant work towards a “Gold Label” within the program for products that are close to 100% from a KY farm family.
4. A2024-0228 Kentucky Beef Network
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant \$2,316,516 in state funds for calendar year 2025 and 2026, to continue providing programs to cattle producers across the state. Dr. Matthews abstained.
5. A2024-0227 Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended reducing program funding by \$300,000 a year for a total of \$600,000 over a 2-year period. Total funding shall not exceed \$1,291,560 in state funds.
6. A2024-0247 Three Rivers Vet Services, PLLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application until all county funds are committed.
7. A2024-0265 Kentucky Halal Meats LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application until the concerns are addressed. Mrs. Graham abstained.
8. A2024-0261 Cowan Community Action Group, Inc.
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$250,000 in state funds and \$1,000 in Letcher County funds to build a farmers’ market pavilion.
9. A2024-0258 Spencer County Fiscal Court
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$250,000 in state funds and up to \$50,000 in Spencer County funds to construct a new farmers market.
10. A2024-0238 Grow Farms, LLC
 - a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$650,000 in state funds as a forgivable loan to improve a food distribution

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warehouse space. Mrs. Graham abstained.

11. A2024-0262 Kentucky Young Farmers Association

- a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application for additional information.

12. A2024-0264 Community Farm Alliance

- a) The committee unanimously recommended pending the application per the applicant's request.

13. A2024-0263 University of Kentucky Research Foundation

- a) The committee unanimously recommended funding the applicant up to \$44,823 in state funds for the Beef Systems Analyzer software update. Dr. Matthews and Mrs. Graham abstained.

Adjournment:

Committee adjourned in acclamation.